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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)	
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COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

Sir:

In the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance attached to the Notice of Allowability mailed November 2, 2005, the Examiner listed reasons for the allowance of the claims. However, the features noted by the Examiner do not accurately reflect what is recited in each of the independent claims. For example, the allowable features noted in the Office Action dated June 1, 2005, (with regard to allowable dependent Claim 23) are not explicitly recited in Claim 22. In particular, Claim 22 recites that "said voltage generation means compares the voltage divided by the internal resistance and said resistance with a driving voltage which drives the printhead, then controls the driving

voltage based on the comparison.” There is no recitation of comparing “a reference voltage, divided by the internal resistance, detection resistance provided inside the printhead” or controlling the driving voltage “so as to cancel an error in these voltages.” Nevertheless, Applicant respectfully submits that each of the pending claims is allowable for its combination of claimed features.

Applicants’ undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below-listed address.

Respectfully submitted,

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